



# Engineered-surface MOF nanoparticles for biomedical applications

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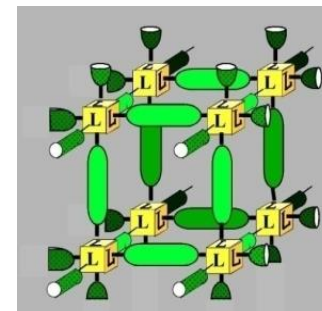
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# Outline

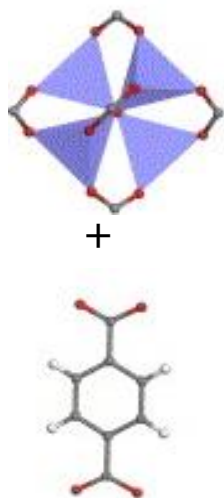
- ✓ MOFs introduction
- ✓ Presentation of MIL-100(Fe) NPs
- ✓ Heparin-engineered MIL-100(Fe) NPs
- ✓ Chitosan-engineered MIL-100(Fe) NPs

# Coordination polymers or Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs)

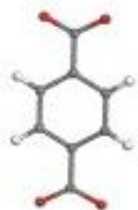
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Inorganic part

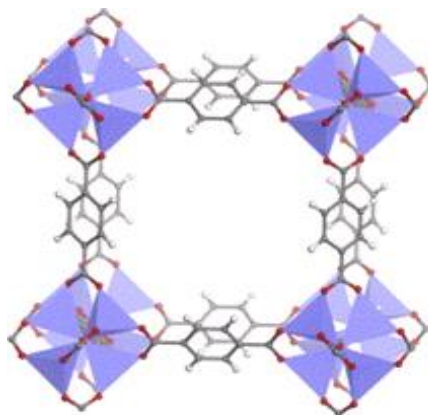


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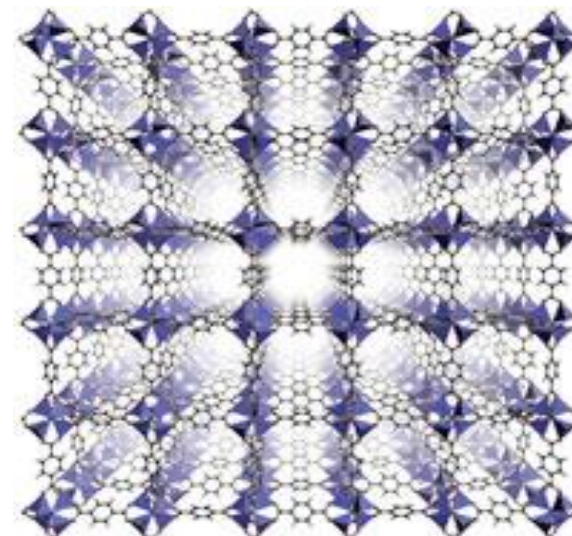


Organic linker (spacer)

« Self Assembly »

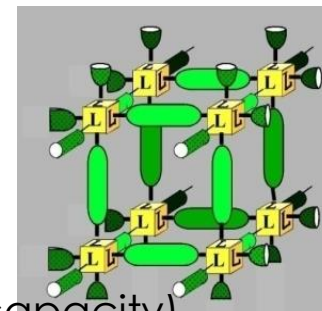


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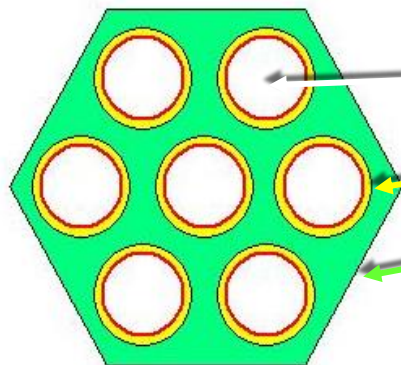
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✓ these solids present cavities of various size and shape. (↑ storage capacity)

$$S_{\text{area}} = 500 - 6000 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}, V_p = 0.5 - 3.5 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}, 3 - 60 \text{ \AA}$$



- narrow micro and mesoporosity... separation, storage

↑ **internal surface**... catalysis applications

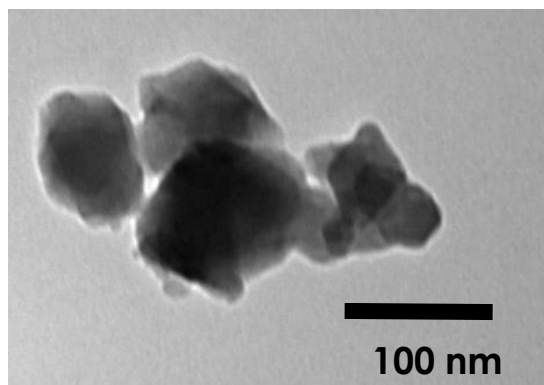
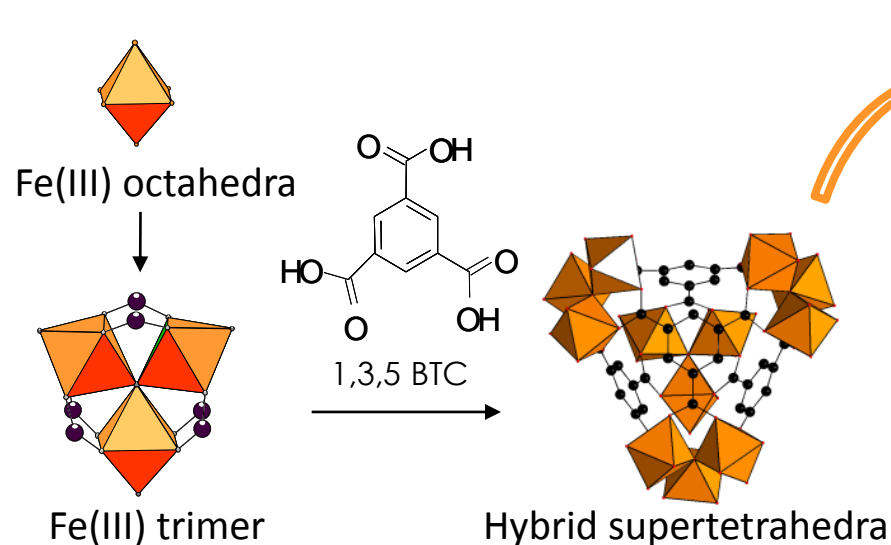
- Highly versatile **hybrid network**

adapted to the adsorption of a large number of molecules... **sponge!**



✓ **Potential biomedical applications:** imaging, biologically active gas release, drug/cosmetic delivery ...

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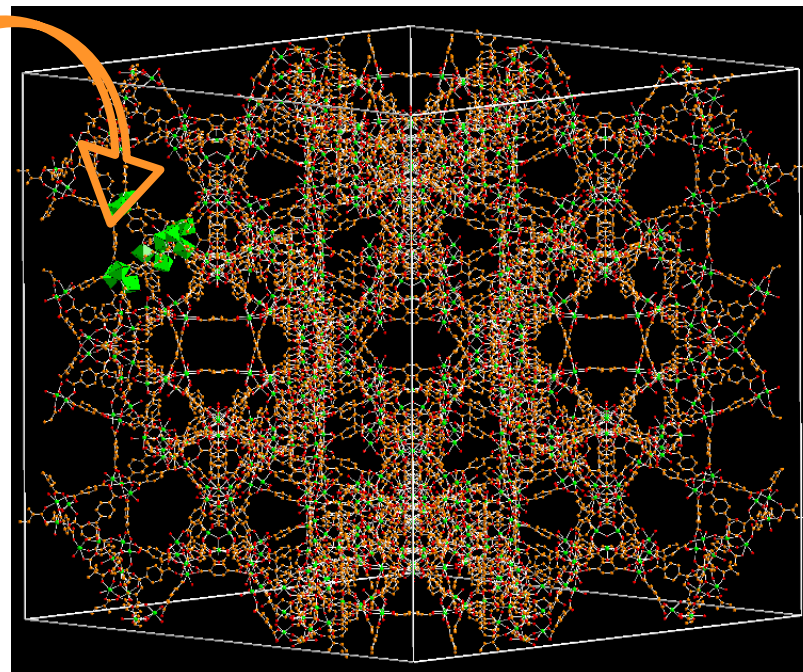


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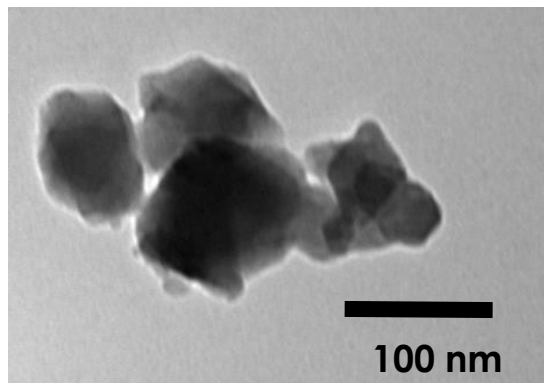
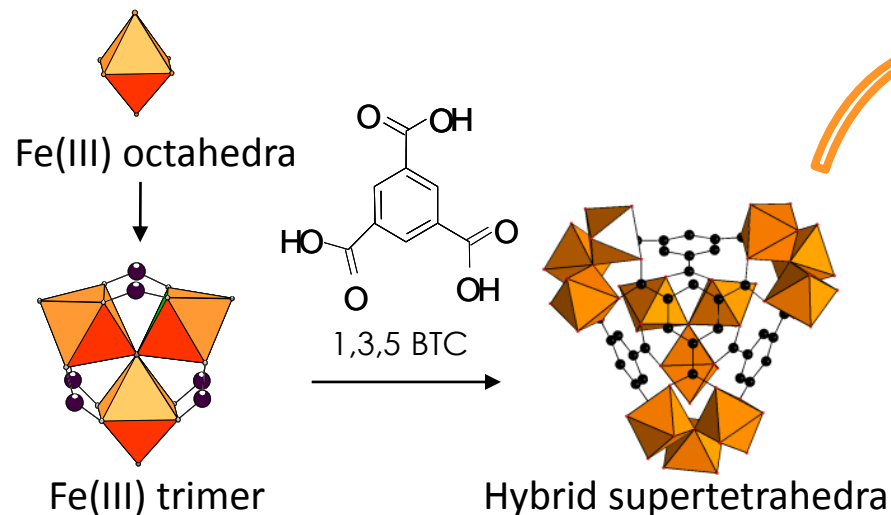


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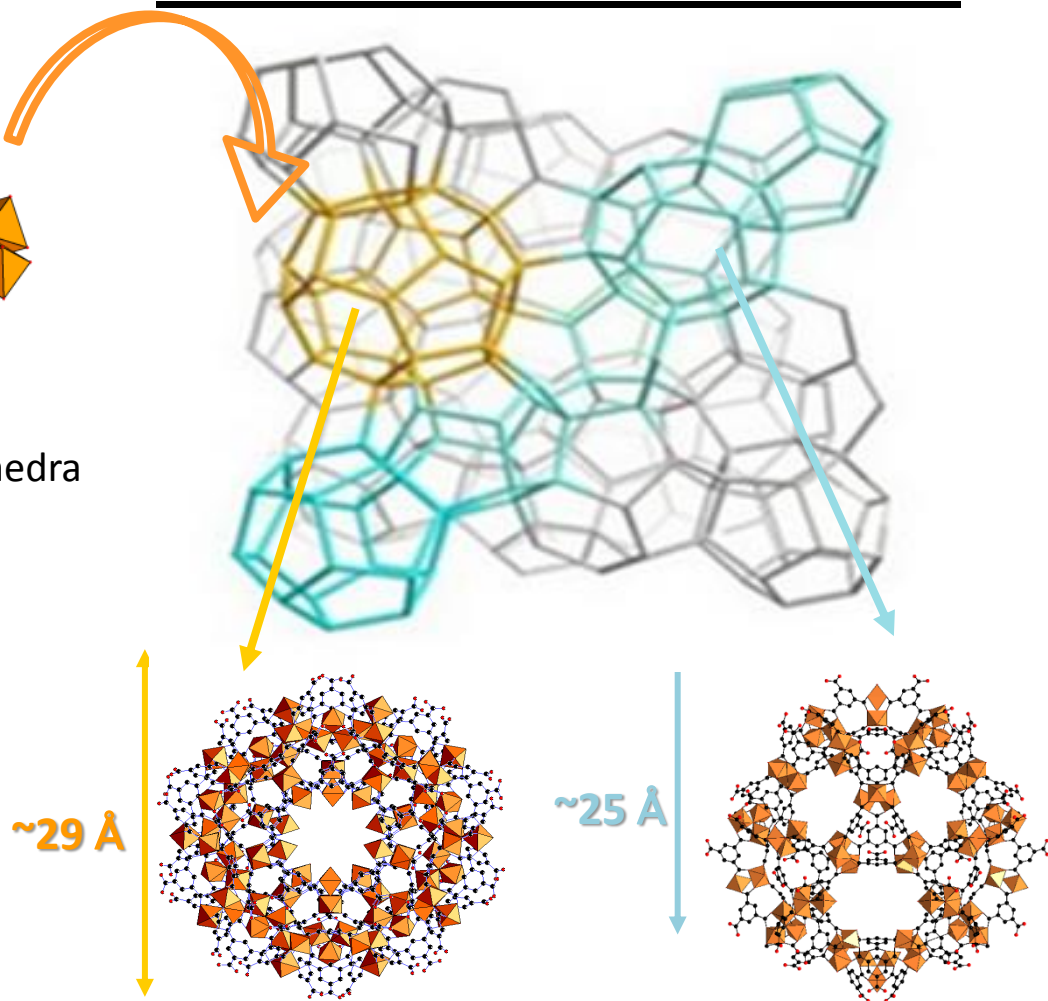
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# MIL-100 as promising drug nanocarrier

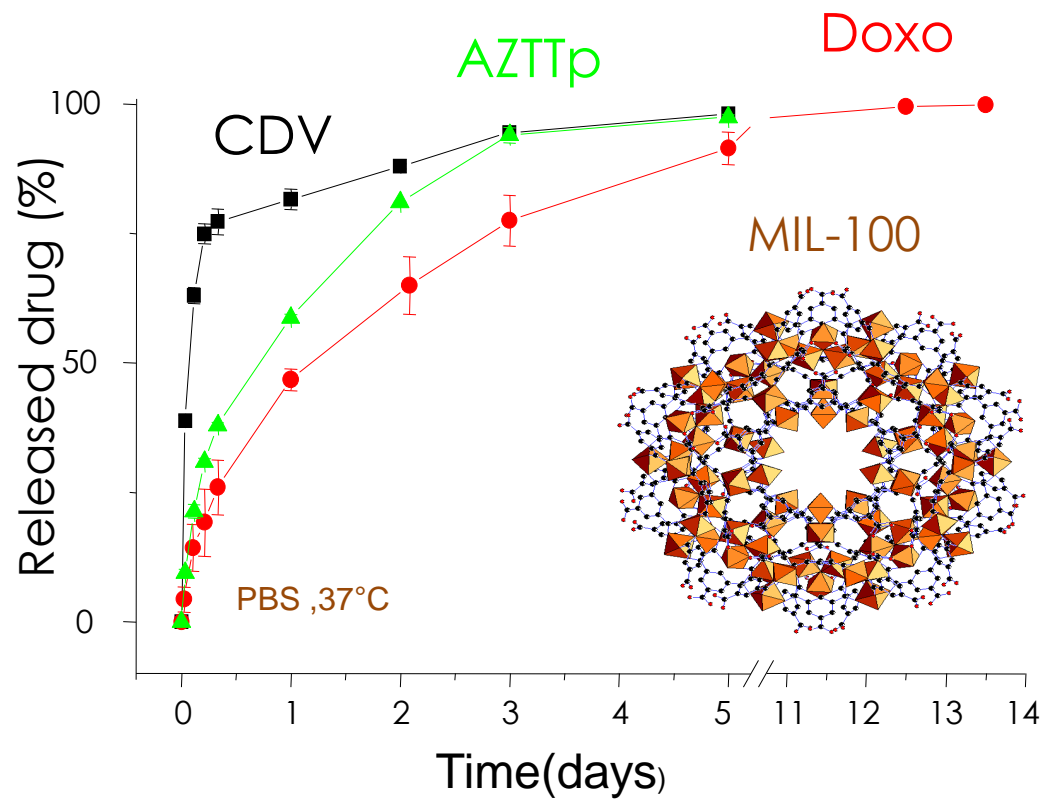
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**Exceptional challenging drug payloads: 9-50 wt%** of antitumor, antiretroviral, antibiotic

60x liposomes; 4-40x polymer

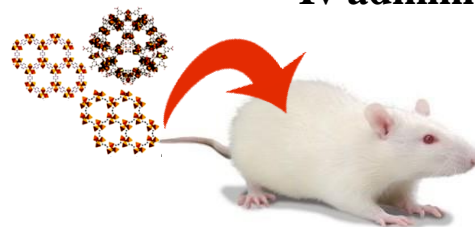
**Progressive release in 5 to 14 days!**

without « burst effect»



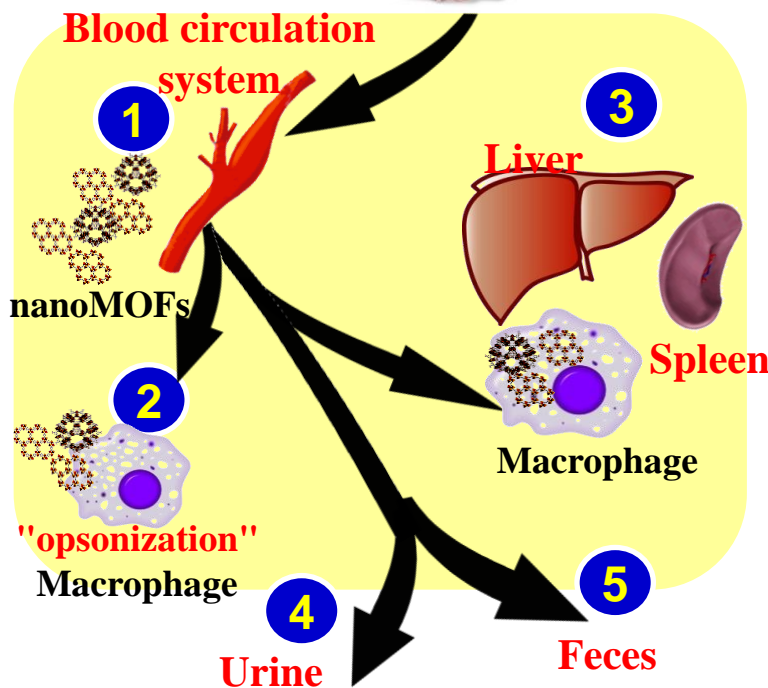
## *In vivo* toxicity evaluation

Iv administration nanoMIL-100  
(220 mg/kg)



**1:** After nanoMOFs iv administration  
→ hyperferritinemia  
→ compensation effect  
→ longer compensation leads to a ↓ [Fe] serum levels after 24h  
→ normal values after 7d

**2:** Adsorption of serum opsonins on the outer surface of nanoMOFs



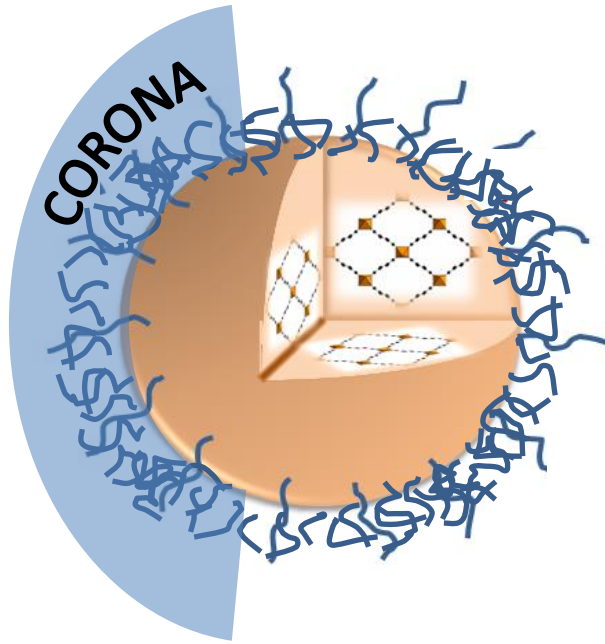
**3:** Macrophages recognize opsonins-nanoMOFs  
→ phagocytosis, removing them from the blood circulation

→ ↑ [Fe, L] in RES (liver and spleen)

**4-5 :** MIL-100 degradation and excretion of Fe excess and trimesate ligand via urine and feces → ↓ [Fe, L] in RES

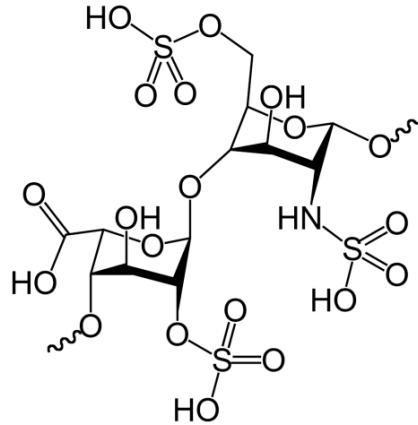


# Surface-engineering of MIL-100(Fe) nanoparticles



- ✓ Tuned biodistribution
- ✓ Higher colloidal stability
- ✓ Targeting abilities

HEPARIN



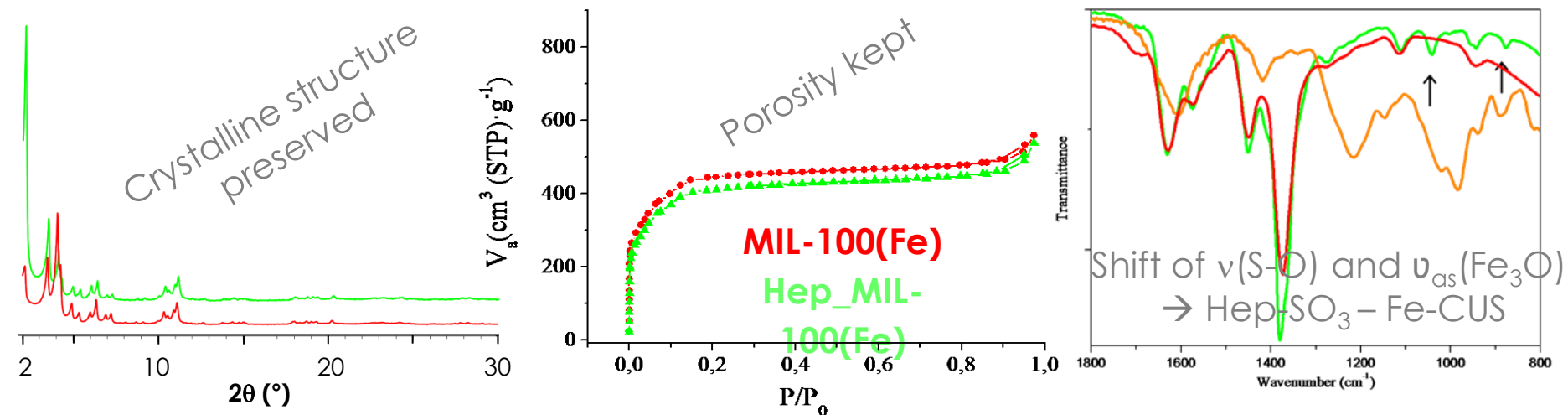
- - charged polysaccharide
  - Anticoagulant
  - NPs evasion from MPS
- Inhibit complement system  
Hydrophilic → ↓ Mφ uptake  
→ **Longer blood circulation times**  
→ **Modify their *in vivo* fate**

## Challenging specific outer surface functionalization in porous solids

1. Localization in the MOF nanoparticle (superficial or intrusion inside the pores)  
→ reduce porosity and replace the encapsulated molecules
2. Ability to promote a proper release of the drug encapsulated within the MOF
3. Stability of the coating

# Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) physicochemical characterization

Simple and biocompatible impregnation method



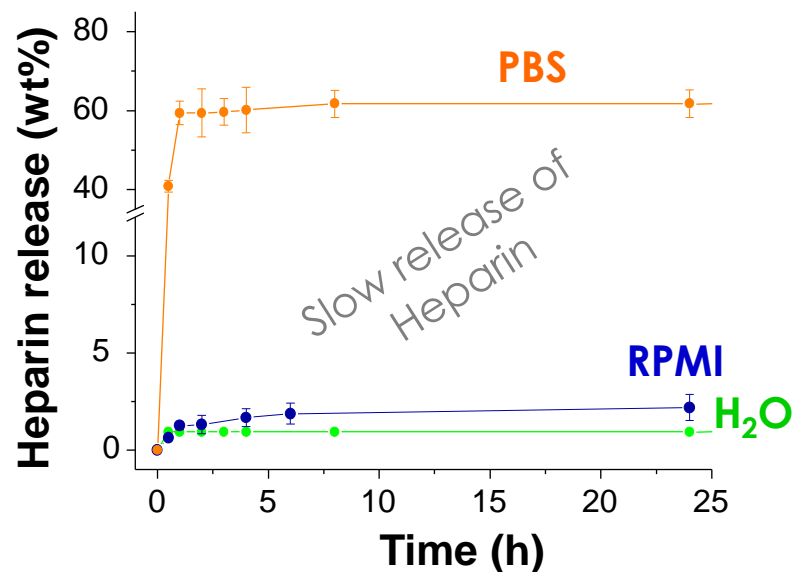
	MIL-100(Fe)	Hep_MIL-100(Fe)
Hep (wt%)		12.5±1.5 (~ 88 eff)
Size (nm)	141 ± 43	173 ± 51
ξ-potential (mV)	- 24.1 ± 2.1	- 20.7 ± 5.0
S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	1530	1480
Caffeine loading (wt%)	43 ± 2	42 ± 6

Density ~ 0.1 heparin chain / nm<sup>2</sup>

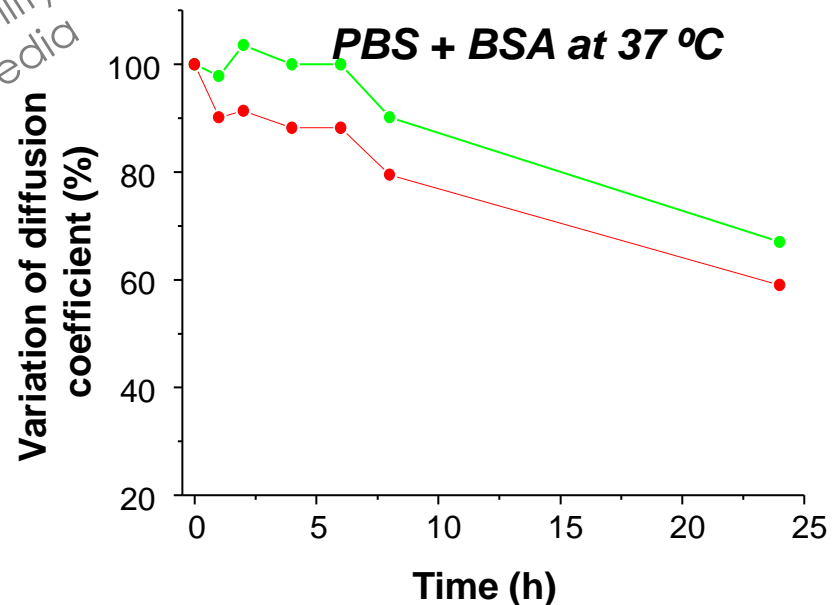
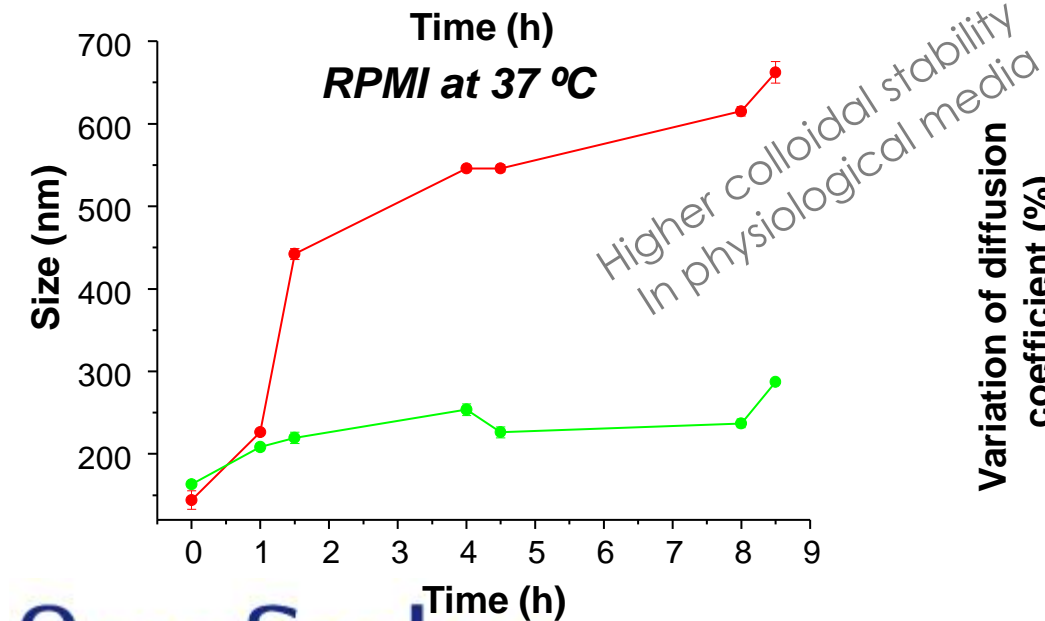
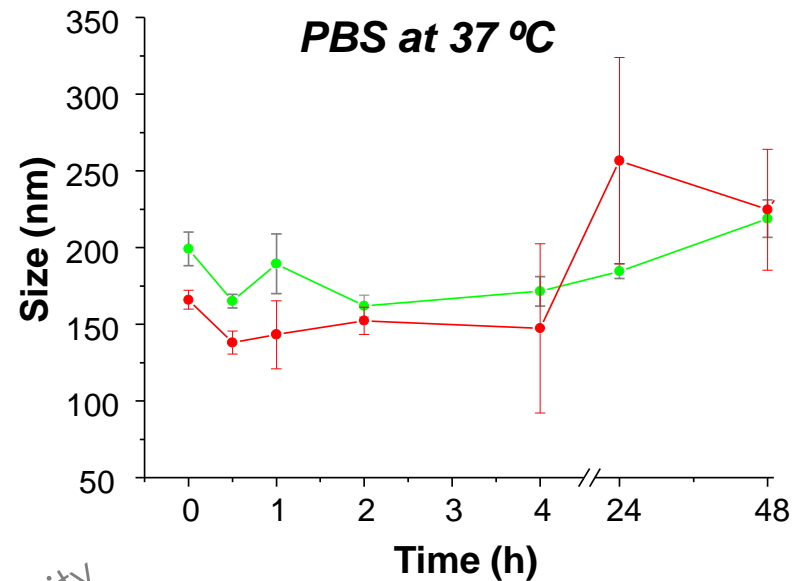
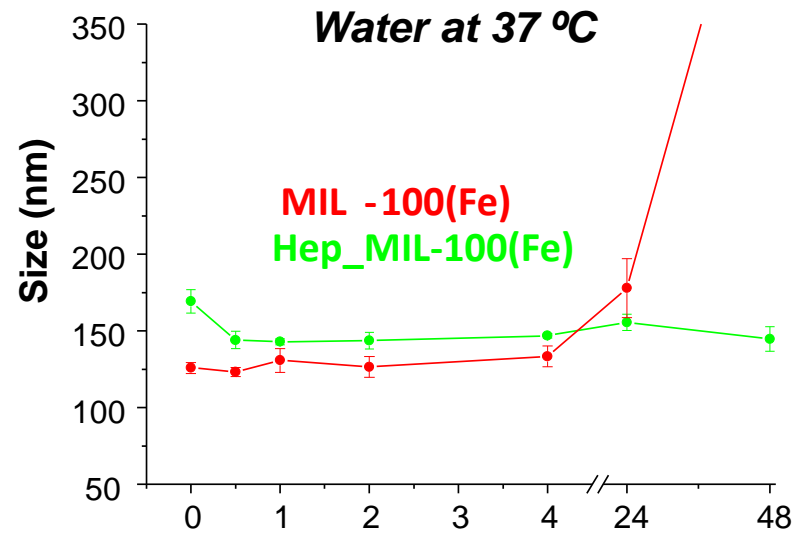
Coating thickness ~ 15 nm

D between heparin chains ~ 3nm << R<sub>F</sub> ~ 8.4 nm → « brush » conformation!

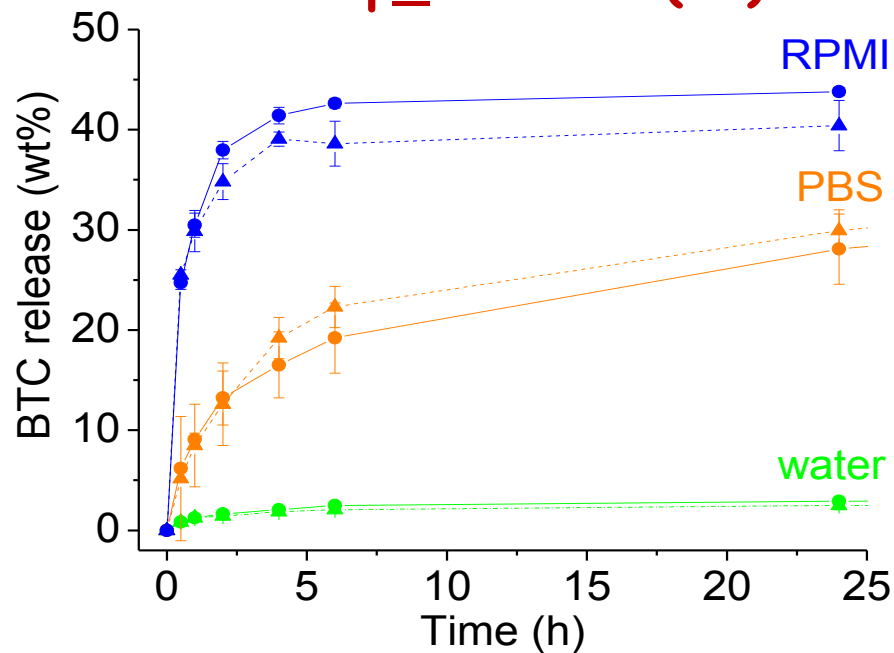
## Heparin release



# Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) colloidal stability

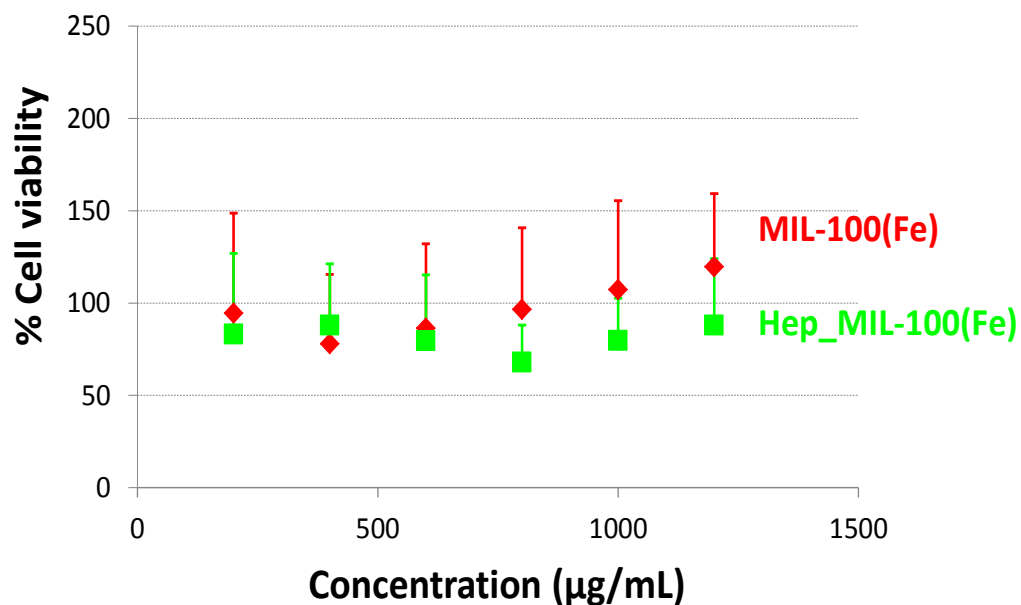


# Hep\_MIL-100(Fe): chemical stability, cell viability



MOF chemical stability  
Independent on the heparin coating

MOF cytotoxicity  
not affected



Hep\_MIL-100(Fe): CK production (PBMs)

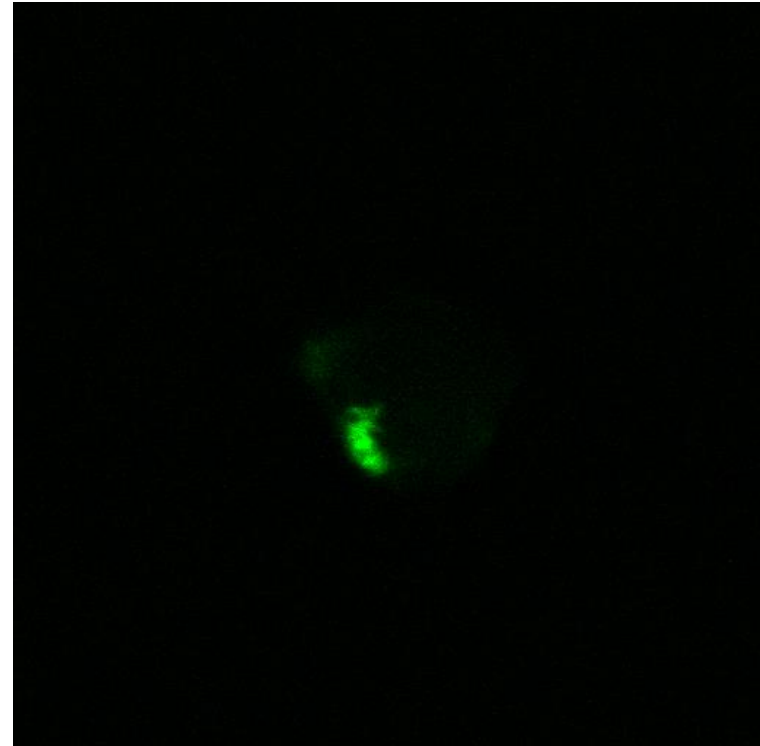
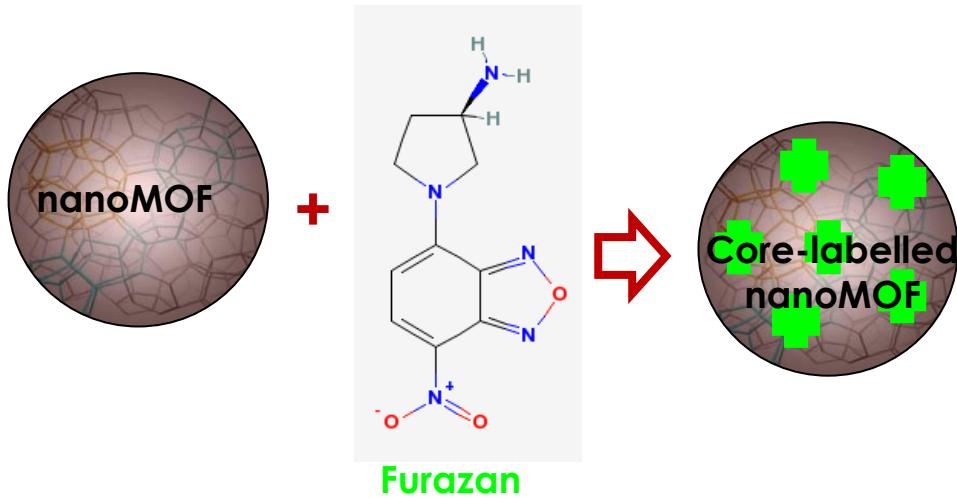
		NPs dose	MIL-100(Fe)	Hep_MIL-100(Fe)
		(µg/mL)		
Type 1 cytokines	IL-12p70	25	1000	100
		250		10
	INF-γ	25	1000	0
		250		100
	IL-2	25	100	10
		250		0
	TNF-β	25	10	100
		250		
Type 2 cytokines	IL-10	25	1000	100000
		250		
	IL-6	25	100000	1000
		250		10000
Proinflammatory cytokines	IL-8	25	1000	1000
		250		10000
	IL-1β	25	10000	1000
		250		
	TNF-α	25	100000	100000
		250		

Lower cytokine production, (1/10 -1/100)  
with a dose dependent response



# Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) fluorescent labelling

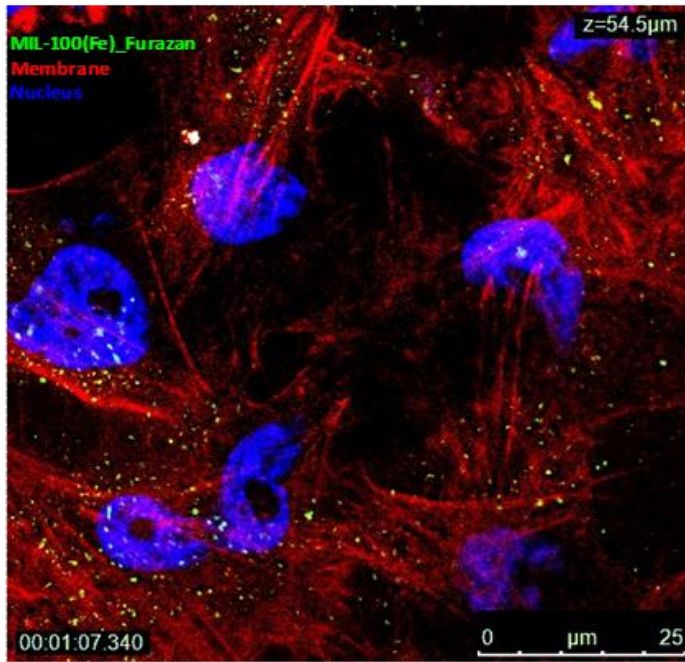
Coll. M. Blanco,  
UNAV



2-13%wt of grafting

Fluorophore homogeneously  
distributed within the MOF particles

Small release (<20%) in cell culture  
medium after 24h



# Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) cell uptake

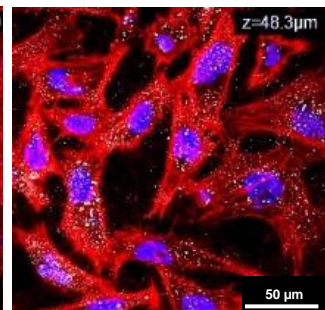
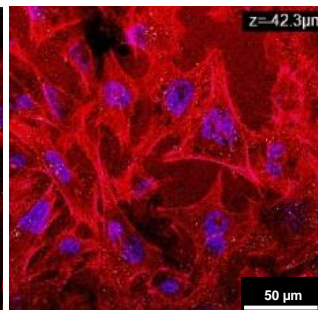
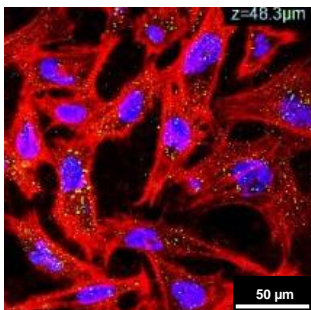
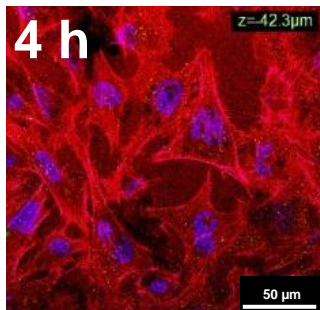
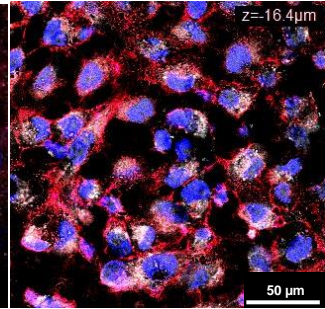
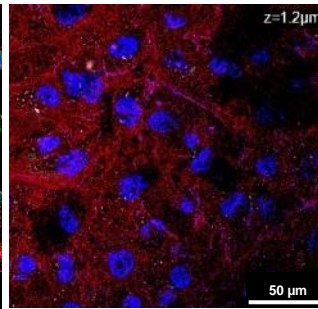
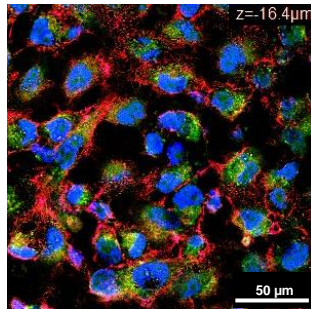
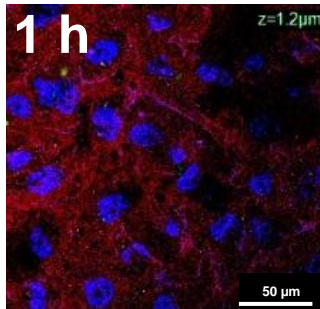
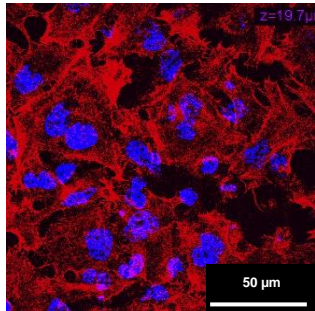
Furazan

Fe Self-reflection

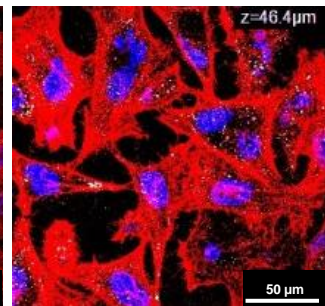
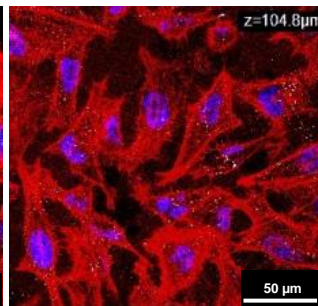
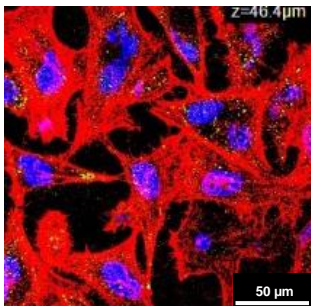
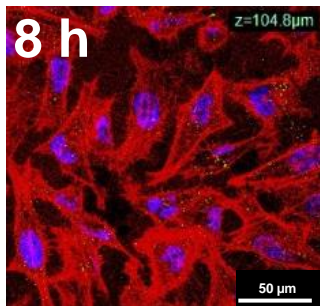
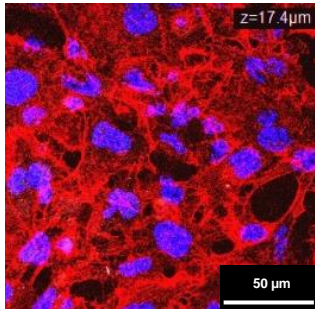
Free furazan  
8h

Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) MIL-100(Fe) Hep\_MIL-100(Fe) MIL-100(Fe)

Furazan



Fe self-reflection



# Conclusions

- ✓ *Efficient engineering-surface of MIL-100(Fe) NPs with heparin via a green one-pot method, allows preserving their structure and porosity, and so their drug nanocarrier performances*
- ✓ *Heparin coating endow MIL-100(Fe) NPs with improved biological properties → more stable colloidal solutions with both a lower immune response and slower macrophage uptake*
- ✓ *Biocompatible MIL-100 nanoparticles with exceptional drug loadings and controlled releases...*

→ *promising drug nanocarriers !*



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